



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE**

July 18, 2006

State of Washington
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: SOUTH FORK CHINOOK SUPPLEMENTATION WEIR PROJECT

Description of Proposal: The proposed project will construct a temporary picket weir to divert migrating South Fork Nooksack early Chinook into the Skookum Creek Hatchery for use as a brood stock for a conservation supplementation program to preserve this population consistent with the draft recovery plan. This permit addresses only the seasonal installation and operation of the temporary weir. The catch, handling, and removal of the listed species is being covered under a Hatchery and Genetic Management Plan (HGMP) submitted to NOAA Fisheries January 4, 2006 for consultation on a programmatic approval under ESA Section 7 and Section 4d limit 6 provisions.

Proponent: Lummi Natural Resources Department, 2616 Kwina Road, Bellingham, WA 98226- Contact: Alan Chapman (360) 384-2202

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: South Fork Nooksack River, Washington, Whatcom County; Section 27, Township 37 North, Range 05 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **July 17, 2006**

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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